

RASIC COACH OF AUSTRALIA

Melbourne and State coach Zvonimir Rasic has been chosen to coach the national squad during its world tour in October and November.

At 34, Rasic is the youngest man ever appointed to coach the Australian team.

The appointment was made at the weekend by the Australian Soccer Federation.

Marconi-Fairfield captain coach Les Scheinflug, a former Australian captain, was named as assistant to Rasic.

The national squad of 18 players will leave Sydney on October 23 and return on December 7.

It will play matches against Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Iran, Greece, AS Roma (Italy), Chelsea, Manchester City (England) and Mexico.

Although Rasic's appointment is for the tour only, it is likely that he will be retained by the ASF for he is most accomplished and the most dedicated coach in Australia.

His first job was with Footscray J.U.S.T. in 1967. When he took over, the team was second last, but due to his efforts, it finished in the top four.

He returned to the club in 1969 after it had narrowly missed relegation and took it to the State League championship.

Melbourne second

This season he took over Melbourne, which finished 10th. last year and currently has the team in second position, behind the undefeated Juventus.

In addition, he coached the Victorian State team, which did not lose a game during the interstate series this year.

He was also in charge of the State Under 23 and Under 16 squads.

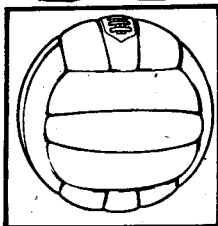
Before coming to Australia to join Footscray as a player, he starred with Yugoslavian teams Vojvodina and Spartak.

With these teams he played against such champions as Haller, Hidekufi, Sandor and Ozon.

In 1953 he played for the Yugoslavian Under 23 team in the FIFA tournament in Belgium against clubs like Honved, Ferencvaros and Rapid Vienna. One of his opponents was the great Uwe Seeler.

Later he starred with Footscray J.U.S.T. and represented Victoria many times. In

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National coach Zvonimir Rasic

1963 he was voted full back of the year by Soccer News.

Footscray gave him a conditional transfer to Sydney club Yugal in 1966, and at the age of 29, he retired from the playing field because he was disappointed with club committees and the treatment given to players in Victoria.

Rasic has been coaching for only four years but has risen through the ranks because of his dedication and his modern coaching methods.

Married, with two young children - Daniella and Simon - he is a teacher at Caulfield Technical School.

Interviewed by Soccer News this week, he paid tribute to his wife Barbara for the encouragement she has given him, despite the long hours which his many activities demand.

Youth and experience

He also thanked the Victorian Soccer Federation for supporting him.

Asked about the likely structure of the national team, he said:

"It will be a combination of youth and experience. The purpose of the tour will be to gain as much international recognition as we can and to groom younger players for the 1974 World Cup.



Flashback to Rasic's playing days. That's him, second from right, leaving the field after helping Footscray J.U.S.T. win an Ampol Cup match. Frank Micic is on the left.

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Hannan in GTV team

Variety compere, singer and disc jockey Jimmy Hannan has been named as one of the commentators for GTV9's State League telecasts.

Hannan will be part of a three-man team, which also includes well known sports authority Laurie Kirby and former Brighton player Alex Barr who used to run a soccer programme on Channel 9.

Telecasts will start on Sunday, September 6. The first match will be between South Melbourne Hellas and George Cross.

Last weekend, GTV9 camera crews were out filming "soccer commercials" which will be shown regularly during prime viewing times to promote Victorian soccer.

Some of the players who will be featured in these segments are George Kinnell, Dino DeMarchi, Billy Vojtek, Jimmy Mackay and David High.

JACKPOT WINNER

Mr. R. Saltalamacchia has won \$600 in the Mocopan tipping contest.

Mr. Saltalamacchia, who lives in Westgarth, was eligible for the full amount because he enclosed a Mocopan label with his entry.

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Slobodan Zoraja of Footscray J.U.S.T. is probably the most powerful striker in State League.

Over six feet tall and built like a heavyweight, Zoraja is a fearsome opponent for any defender and can not be shifted easily off the ball. Already he's built a goal tally of 11 and is one of the leading contenders for State League scoring honors.

Soccer News conducted the following interview with this 24-year-old goal

machine who joined Footscray late in 1968.

Where did you play in Yugoslavia?

I started as a centre half in the Dinamo Pancevo juniors. After five years I became a centre forward with Banatski Karlovac, where I stayed for one and a half years before

shifting to OFK Belgrade in First Division. I had about 11 senior games there, and was a team mate of Dragan Utjesenovic, who also came to J.U.S.T.

What's been your best goalscoring season?

With OFK Belgrade reserves I scored 45 one season, in 14 games.

Why did you come to Australia?

To help a Yugoslavian club that was in danger of relegation and to make some money. I came together with Branko Buljevic and Milan Mihailovic.

It's generally recognised that the three of you helped Footscray avoid the drop. How many goals did you score in 1968?

I got six in nine games and Buljevic scored 10. Last season I finished with 16 and Buljevic with 17. Spiekermann of Wilhelmina came first with 18.

How do you find the standard of Australian soccer compared to that in Yugoslavia?

It's one or two classes lower.

Do you find it easier playing here?

Yes much easier.



Slobodan Zoraja is fouled by South Melbourne goalkeeper Dick Stephens.

The strikers

a series on the top forwards of the State League

doing a good job under the circumstances.

Why did Footscray start this season so badly?

Because the pre-season training was poor. We had no preparation. When Rasic was coach we trained well in advance of the first game.

How much credit would you give to Rasic for your premiership win last year?

I think he was 50 per cent responsible. The rest of the credit must go to the players. Yet I think if we had Rasic this year,

we would win the premiership.

Who are the best players in Victoria?

Stankovic was one of the greatest ever to play here. At present, I'd pick Utjesenovic and Kinnell.

How did the players' payments in Yugoslavia compare to those in Victoria?

Here we're getting \$43 for a win. In Yugoslavia we were getting about \$130. When you sign a contract in Yugoslavia, the club also gives you a flat, which becomes your own property.

How badly has the loss of Mihailovic affected the team?

Mihailovic is one of the best linkmen in Australia and his loss is partly the reason for Footscray not doing as well as last year.

From whom do you think you have learned most about soccer?

In Belgrade, I was playing with Sekularac and Milutinovic. I think I learned a lot from those two, especially Milutinovic, who's the greatest player I've ever seen. His football was like ballet.



At 31, Billy Rice is one of the veterans of Victorian soccer. After four years with the now defunct Footscray Capri, eight years with Footscray J.U.S.T., over 20 games for Victoria and seven for Australia, he has become convinced that Sunday soccer must stop.

Ban soccer on Sundays

To be fair to players and to improve the standard of play in Victoria, Sunday soccer must stop.

Matches should be played on Saturdays and under lights on Wednesday nights.

Players are human beings. They find it hard to resist the good life between Fridays and Sundays and so they don't stay in top condition.

If a player has been out on the town on Saturday night, he won't give his all on the field the next day.

Players are not all puritans and they want to enjoy themselves. They are not all conscientious either and it's a known fact that many are in the game only for the money. The more easily they get it, the better.

To me, Sunday is a day of rest, from a religious point of view.

Others find it hard to go seven days without a break, with football part of their employment.

With a free Sunday, it would give

them a chance to rest and to get over their knocks and bruises.

Competition from other sports on Saturday would not affect attendances. People will still go to see the sport they prefer.

Also, Saturday is recognised by all fans as the traditional football day.

I think part of the reason for the poor standard of soccer here is the poor condition of players.

If players are fitter for a Saturday match, the standard must improve.

I'd recommend all games being played on Saturdays but we simply don't have enough grounds.

Therefore, we could have a double-header at Olympic Park on Wednesday nights. There are no other sports on at this time, so we might even attract a few people who don't normally watch soccer.

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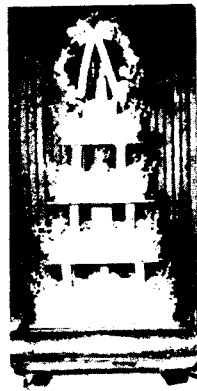
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'PROFESSIONAL BREAD IS BITTER'—OLAH

In 1967, Eugen Olah outshone the stars of some of the world's top teams, to win a gold medal for being the best player in Italy's Arsenal International Tournament.

A competition for under 23 teams, it featured Inter-Milan, Juventus, Fiorentina, AC Milan and a Parma representative XI.

Olah was playing for Vojvodina of Yugoslavia. Now he's with State League club Melbourne.

A full time professional for four years until 1969, Olah has also played for Spartak, Backa and Turkish club Ankara.

He was a junior at Spartak, when Melbourne and State coach Zvonimir Rasic was playing in the club's senior team.

This 25-year-old linkman who has played alongside Yugoslavian greats like Pantelic, Aleksic, Zemko, Dakic and Trivic and trained under the famous

Stankovic, was signed by Melbourne committee man, Mr. Yelo, who saw him play for the Subotica representative team in Yugoslavia last year.

But despite his record, Olah said this week: "I am happy to be playing in the reserves. I do not want people to expect too much of me straight away."

On bench

For it's been six months since Olah last played in Europe and it will take time before he's fit.

In Yugoslavia he was not a first team regular.

"I didn't do so well because the other players were all great," he says. "There were so many good players that I often had an international sitting on the bench next to me."

Olah came to Australia because: "I realised professional bread is very bitter."

He said: "When you play football full time you do not have a chance of learning a profession and when you play you don't get enough money to save for later. Training is the same as for top professionals but the money is three or four times lower."

"If the club is not happy with you, it puts you on the transfer market."

Secondary

Soccer in Australia is secondary to Olah. He has come to work, earn money, travel and to learn the language.

"I will stay here as long as I am happy," he says.

Olah expected more of Australian Soccer than he has seen.

"I watched Israel on TV during the World Cup," he says, "and they were very skillful."

"Because Australia drew with Israel, I thought soccer here would be just as good. Of course, I have seen only one club match, and I don't think your national team plays the same standard of soccer."

Olah sees a strong British influence in Australian soccer.

He watched the Juventus v. Croatia match and says:

"There was a lot of running and players were giving all they had but I saw a tremendous lack of imagination."

An art

"Soccer is an art and should be played as an art and not as a game for musclemen. That's why attendances both here and in Europe are decreasing."

In the Juventus v. Croatia game, Olah saw three of the best linkmen in Australia - Jimmy Mackay, Gareth Salisbury and Keith Webster. What did he think of them?

"They too lacked imagination. Also they delivered the ball too high and their passing was not accurate enough."



Hair bouncing wildly, Juventus defender Sandy Irvine heads clear during Sunday's scoreless draw with South Melbourne Hellas. Others in the picture are from left, David Gorrie, Ernie Ackerley, Ian Marshall and Bobby Thomson.



Staff photographer Steve Reynolds caught Billy Vojtek in a 'shall-we-dance' position during the Croatia v. Polonia match on Sunday. Jersey Blank heads over Vojtek and Mike Olinowski looks on in the background.

GEORGE CROSS

will conduct the

MALTA NATIONAL DAY BALL

at the Royal Ballroom, Carlton
on September 4, from 7.30 p.m. to 2 a.m., B.Y.O.

Tickets available from George Cross officials.

Lazorko
suspended

Lions' president, Roman Lazorko, has been suspended by the VSF pending investigation of charges made by pressman Alistair Cook of the Sporting Globe.

The Juventus appeal has reached a total of \$3,499.55. Latest donation was \$20 from the Bislari Company.

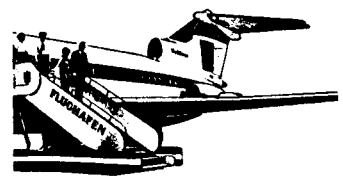


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Brighton has new ground

Second Division club Brighton has clinched the lease for a new ground at Dendy Park.

The ground is part of a \$100,000 development project being carried out by Brighton Council and will include a \$40,000 pavilion. Foundations of the pavilion have already been laid and Brighton secretary Alan Knight is confident the ground will be ready for next season. Brighton won the lease ahead of Brighton Grammarian Hockey Club, which was also in the running. Mr. Knight said the new ground would be one of the best in Melbourne.

A big yawn



Ernie Ackerley of South Melbourne is what could be called a casual player. Judging from the picture he treated the Juventus game as a big yawn.

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JUVENTUS SUSPENDS RESERVES

Juventus, maintaining its professional attitude, has suspended two reserve players for rough conduct during the Armstrong Cup replay against Polonia at the weekend.

The players are Frank Barbieri and Frank Pieramati. Both were sent off by the referee during the game.

Juventus suspended Barbieri for four weeks and fined him \$15.

Pieramati was outed for the rest of the season and has to pay a fine of \$25.

Juventus lost the match 2-3.

Croatia recruit

Croatia has signed forward Paul Foley, 21, who played for Shamrock Rovers in the Irish First Division.

Sporting the bearded, long-haired George Best look, Foley is a speedy, skilful player who may be used by Croatia for this week's match against Juventus.

Foley, 21, was recruited by Croatia's secretary Frank Burin.

Burin works for the Commonwealth Employment Office and Foley couldn't have chosen a better man to speak to when he came in asking about a job and the possibility of joining a State League club.

MURNEY, REILLY

Lions 0.

Geo. Cross 7

(Smart 7, 25, 58, Sanchez, pen. 11, Epifano 39, 82, Constantinidis 66)

In a game marred by rough play, George Cross was too fast, too skilful and too constructive for the lowly Lions.

It was the biggest win recorded in the League this season.

George Cross won easily in midfield through Fox and Walker and forwards Jimmy Smart, John Pryde and Dario Epifano bamboozled the defence which, without Tommy Roseweir, would have been non-existent.

Lions had to battle on with 10 men after Hugh Murney was sent off in the 40th minute. After 80 minutes, they were reduced to nine men when Johnny Reilly received his marching orders.

Lions looked impressive in the first few minutes and David McGuinness, one of the few intelligent players in the side, almost put Lions ahead but Lou Kastner hit the ball onto his cross bar.

Then Pryde broke loose and crossed to Smart who started the goal storm.

Sanchez converted a penalty and then Smart followed up after Pryde had headed against the post. The goal was offside and the linesman had his flag up. Yet referee Pedar allowed the score to stand.

There was almost a sensation when Murney was sent off.

As he walked off the field, the rest of the Lions team followed him and it wasn't until after coach Stan Plekan had talked to his players that they decided to return to their positions.

Jimmy Smart's hat-trick indicates he is returning to his devastating form of last season. He and Pryde formed a deadly combination, supported well by Epifano.

If this trio continues the good work, it will worry many leading sides.

LIONS: Tochel (sub Melvor 38); Murray, Roseweir, Collinson (sub van Zest half time), Reilly (sent off 80); Murney (sent off 40); McCarthy, Butler; Robertson, McGuinness, Keenan, Coach Stan Plekan.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner; Makin, Sanchez, Ricks, McLachlan; Fox, Walker, Smart, Constantinidis, Pryde, Epifano, Coach Tommy Robertson.

Votes: Lions: 3, Roseweir, 2, McGuinness, 1, Robertson. George Cross: 3, Smart, 2, Pryde, 1, Epifano.

Laurie Schwab



Jimmy Pyrgolios.

Sth. Melb. 0. Juventus 0

The traditional Battle Royal between South Melbourne, Hellas and Juventus lived up to expectations in all but goals.

Full credit must go to South Melbourne for the way they stood up to the might of Juventus.

They never gave in and at times had the solid Juventus defence in a tangle.

Jimmy Pyrgolios and Ian Marshall were tireless and creative midfield workers.

It was in this department that the secret of South Melbourne's partial success originated.

In most games this season, Juventus has controlled midfield and smothered opposing attacks before they really got going.

Marshall and Pyrgolios received tremendous backing from the hard, rugged play of Johnny Bedford and the poise and elegant precision of David High.

Ernie Ackerley was a tremendous worker, prompting his forwards with accurate crosses and going back to help the defence when it was hard pressed.

Jack Reilly demonstrated his meticulous positioning and lightning reflexes.

Keith Lakey played a stormer and combined with Bobby Thomson and Pat Della Rocca in subduing South Melbourne's attack whenever it reached close range.

George Kinnell did not appear happy in his link role. He obviously prefers the back line.

Dick Stephens, in the Hellas goal, gave one of his best performances, dealing confidently and competently with everything that came his way.

JUVENTUS: Reilly, Della Rocca, R. Thomson, Irvine, Lakey, Salisbury, Kinnell, Goodwin, B. Thomson, DeMarchi, Webster, Coach Tony Boga, McColl replaced Webster in the second half.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Stephens, High, Rutherford, Bedford, Walker, Pyrgolios, Armstrong, Gorrie, Ackerley, Marshall, Gould (sub Clark), Coach Vic Janczyk.

Votes: Juventus: 3, Della Rocca, 2, R. Thomson, 1, Lakey. Hellas: 3, Pyrgolios, 2, Ackerley, 1, Stephens.

GEORGE YELLAND.

Melbourne 2.

Slavia 0

(Pocock, 16, 18) With Jim Train starring in mid-field, Slavia played a great second half but its lack of striking power nullified most of the good work from behind.

Melbourne's winner was Ray Pocock, whose continuous switching from the right wing to the middle left the Slavia defence helpless.

It was Pocock who scored both goals, in the 16th and 18th minute.

Melbourne had most of the play in the first half and several shots went just wide.

But after the break Slavia coach Ken Kontra brought on Russell Steel for Brian Adam, who had not been able to handle Bill McGowan and the forward line began to look more dangerous.

Train, playing his first game as linkman, was getting good support from Miro Schleichert and Sandy Jones was constructive when he moved forward from defence.

But Slavia's goal-shooters, ineffective at the best of times, could not pass Fabian Juhasz and his defenders.

Melbourne's linkman Johnny Wallace played probably the worst game of his career and the coach let him know it.

Coach Zvonimir Rasic called him to the line in the second half and talked him down. He would have been justified in replacing him but it was good to see him giving the youngsters another chance.

It was simply one of those days for Wallace he could use it as a lesson fight harder when he isn't running for him.

MELBOURNE: Gerrard, Daid, Juhasz, Sabo, McGowan, Scott, Ker (sub, Dobbing half time), Wallace, Pocock, Rogers, Ble, Coach Zvonimir Rasic.

SLAVIA: O'Hara; She Jones, Zanatta, Lazarevic; J. Schleichert, Kemplay; Adam Steele (half time), G. Train, Coach Ken Kontra.

Votes: Melbourne: 3, Pocock, McGowan, 1, Juhasz. Slavia: 3, J. Train, 2, Jones, 1, Steele.

JOE MAJ

Pygall holds lead

Ringwood linkman David Pygall still heads the voting for the Marlboro best player award.

Part of the award is a \$100 cheque. The Philip Morris company is also donating a trophy for the highest goalscorer of the year. Leading contender after the last round is Hakoah's Mike Clary, who's hat-trick brought his tally to 12.

Progress votes: 26 Pygall (R), 26 McCarthy (L), O'Neill (Hak), 21 Johnson (M), 19 Jones (S), 18 Olkowski, Czupnik (P), 17 Selfe (A), Kinnell (J), 16 Senhouse (Hak), Zanatta (S), Micic (P), Xanthopoulos (A), 15 High (H), Zurawski, Williams (C), Ackerley (H), Ricks (C), Roseweir (L), Ward (R), Train (S).

Goalscorers: 12 Clary (Hak.), 11 Zoraja (P), Mangopoulos (B), Thompson (J), 10 Buljovic (P), 9 Vojtek (C), Rogers (M), 8 Pocock (M), Spiekerman, 7 McIntyre (C), Kokkian, 6 Edgley (R), Bleskany (M), 5 Gorrie (H), Epifano (GC), 4 Pygall (P), Smart (GC), 3 Kerl (M).

Hellas unbeaten under 14 champs



South Melbourne Hellas has won the Under 14 League championship after going through the season undefeated.

The team, from left is, standing: Bill Curran (coach), G. Stavrou, C. Tsinaris, A. Kotonidis, T. Spanos. Front: S. Bennett, L. McLeod, K. McLeod, P. Murray.

DON'T HANG UP YOUR BOOTS

By RON BOOTH
of Our Lady's, Sunshine

Between the age when many boys leave school and when they are eligible to take up normal adult soccer, lies a gap.

If a boy leaves school at say, 15, this gap amounts to 3 years, because at 18 he ceases to be, in the soccer sense, a "minor".

While still in the gap, he is catered for by a special group of teams and clubs.

The aim of this article is to tell you something about these, because I believe many boys stop playing when they leave school merely because they do not know what opportunities are open to them. As I live in Sunshine, most of what I have to say will be based on soccer in the Sunshine area.

A great deal is heard of the schoolboy star

player whose services are widely sought by the big clubs, but little is heard of the "average boy", the boy who never expects to earn money from the game but wants to go on playing merely because he enjoys it.

He may have been in the second 11 or even the third or fourth team at school, but he is still keen, though much of his interest may be lost unless he is helped and encouraged to go on playing. In the Sunshine area, most of this help and encouragement comes from the local soccer club and youth centres.

A Youth Centre is able to offer a school-leaver some form of physical training or a soccer coaching group. At the moment, Our Lady's Youth Centre is able to offer these services for boys in the under 11, and under 13 years of age bracket, with the object of promoting soccer to the highest Junior grade.

The point I want to make CRYSTAL CLEAR, is that it is not the expert schoolboy player who forms the backbone of youth centre sides — it is not necessary to have a bunch of stars. A team with good spirit and whose players are physically fit will often hold its own and beat the team that relies on one or two top-notchers. There are also some boys who will never make good soccer players yet can still contribute to the game. I can recall three boys who, though unable to shine, have contributed a good deal to soccer. Two were selected as linesmen, one of whom eventually became a qualified referee. The third boy at 16, became secretary of his club which operated in the local league. He was so efficient, he was invited to serve on the league's management committee, where he gave good service.

All boys should be satisfied to play in the grade of soccer for which their skills are suited.

While you are still at school, your first loyalty is, of course, to your school team, but think a little ahead, and explore the various ways open to you to continue playing... DON'T JUST HANG UP YOUR BOOTS!!

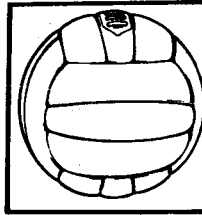


Seaford's under 11's, back row from left: David Watkins (coach), Mark Taylor, Stephen Coppard, Robert Carter, Brian Taylor, Brett Boling, Frank Menhennitt (manager).

Front: Raymond Hearn, Paul James, Peter Wall, Mark Saultry, Curt Schroeder, Martin Watkins. Missing: John Nixon.

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Schools in fight for Shield

The All-Technical Schools Under 14 side, will meet the All-High Schools combination for the Dunkling Shield at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The match will be the curtain-raiser to the Slavia v. South Melbourne match and the venue has been made available due to the co-operation of Slavia.

The Technical School won the Shield last year although they started as underdogs.

The High Schools will again be favorites but

coach Ollie Norris is confident that his boys can retain the Shield.

The Technical Schools squad is:

Chris Guz (Blackburn), Keith Rhodes (Jordaville), Mike Tyler (Noble Park), John Honronatidis (Richmond), Ian Young (Doveton), Con Avrimidis (Collingwood), Fulvio

Tribuzio (Preston), Steve Kelly (Mooroolbark), Harry Beslis (Collingwood), Jim Kondaros (Richmond), Julio Gugliotti (Preston), Joe Toplek (Blackburn), Kere Valjanovski (Collingwood), Godwin Hill (Doveton), Mike Ristic (Brighton), and Jim Pirzes (Oakleigh), captain.



Bayswater and Boronia High Schools after their finals clash in the local Knox City Trophy. Bayswater's captain Matthew Vandelaak, (holding trophy), is also a regular member of the Bayswater United senior side.

NEW CLUB

FRANKSTON CITY, one of the go-ahead Metro League outfits, have formed a new club for youngsters.

It will be known as the Overport Junior Soccer Club and use a ground in Overport Road.

The birth of this new team means that the growing army of soccer youngsters in the Frankston area can now choose from seven clubs to start their career.

Overport will first cater for boys from seven to 12 years.

Interested parents and boys should contact either Mr. Phillip Price, 64 Fulton Rd., Mt. Eliza (787-2654) or Mr. David Congdon, 57 Woolston Dr., Frankston (783-7820).



STEVEN WINS

Steven Timmerman, 8, of Box Hill, has won a pair of football boots as first prize in the recent Junior Soccer News competition. Steven is asked to ring Soccer News on 94-4112 or 94-4304.

Sunshine Heights under 10's, from left, standing: P. Chimeris, T. Mottin, G. Oliver, S. Kliszewski, M. Burton, R. Carlyle, Brunton, M. Maunders, O. Roleff, G. Barnes, E. Borucinski, S. Hayden.

Karingal's under 14's



Mark Swain - Mark has soccer ability which, with continued practice and concentration, will undoubtedly improve beyond recognition.



Karingal's under 14's, back row, from left: N. Coventry, R. Bjelica, D. Anderson, I. Gange, T. Mehmed, M. Swain, D. Cooper. Centre: D. McIntosh, G. Williams, R. Miotta, A. Kemeys, R. Koch. Front: B. Moore, T. Taylor, P. Haye, P. Beeton.



Paul Beeton - Another talented boy of the small brigade, Paul has plenty of soccer skill, and an ability to work hard. A half back with courage, Paul will be a force to be reckoned with in the years ahead.



Douglas McIntosh - Beginning this season as a hard working right half with a tenacity that earned him the respect of his team mates, Douglas has lately entered the forward line as a striker and has added punch to the attack.



Ryco Bjelica - Ryco has played mainly as left winger this season. A very strong, two footed player, selected to represent Victoria against Sth. Australia a few weeks ago. Given to occasional lapses in temper, as he matures he is conquering this habit and thus becoming an inspiration and example to his team mates.



Paul Haye - Paul is another natural player with an ability that will ensure a bright soccer future. Although a little small for his age, Paul does not lack courage and another season will see him make great strides.



DAVID COOPER: David began this season as an average player, but has become the best centre half prospect in the league. David's mastery of the offside trap is at times a delight to see.



TIMOTHY TAYLOR: A natural soccer player, Timmy is a good ball player, lacking only in power, which will come as he grows. A member of a soccer family, with two brothers in other teams for the "Devils".



D. Anderson - Karingal's goalkeeper. Began the season timidly, but has blossomed into worthwhile material. Needs to practice diving but next season should find him as a capable keeper.



GRAEME WILLIAMS: A delightful ball player, naturally left footed. As he develops in stature and curbs his tendency to over dribble he will attain the highest honours available in soccer.



TORREN MEHMED: Right winger with tremendous speed, and improving skill. Torren's height and speed made up for his initial lack of skill, but now that his skills have improved, he has become a formidable player.



Tony Kemeys - Tony has not played a full season but in the past few weeks has shown a surprising turn of speed in the forward line and has added much needed punch to the attack. He is assured of a place in the "Red Devils" teams of the future.



Brian Moore - A newcomer to soccer and the "Devils". Brian has shown great promise and his lack of size is more than made up by his tenacity. A full season will produce a worthwhile player.



Norman Coventry - Right back for the Devils. A strong player who is sometimes erratic. Given another season Norman will improve considerably.



Roman Miotta - Roman joined Karingal as a defender, after the start of the season and was not, at first, able to command a place in the side. However, as the season has progressed, he is undoubtedly the most improved player in this age group.

STRIKERS MUST BE QUICK THINKERS

The duty of a striker is to score and to create scoring chances.

He must have an inborn zest for scoring and he must be a fast thinker.

Within the meaning of striker we include both the centre and outside forwards.

Of all the players in the team, the strikers are required to solve the most complicated tactical and technical problems.

Complications arise because the striker is always in or around the penalty area and therefore constantly covered by defenders.

He is therefore forced to use all elements of technique and individual tactics in a confined space. His play depends upon split-second decisions.

When he tries to shoot at goal or set up a team mate, he must do so quickly and accurately, surrounded by defenders.

Therefore, the coach must work individually with his strikers and make them practice under conditions which would be encountered during a game.

All exercises must be climaxed by the striker shooting at goal, because his aim is to score.

Depending upon the shape of the team and the number of front line players, the coach should devise a series of combinations for the three or four strikers.

These combinations must be based upon place changing, which is

Coaching Hints

By Zvonimir Rasic



rapidly becoming a prerequisite of modern attacking play.

Place changing in attack is nothing more complicated than the old art of position switching but if it is to be continuous it will bring in its wake new problems of condition and technique.

Demands

To be constantly changing positions, will make greater physical demands upon strikers.

Through modern methods of preparation, these problems can be overcome and there is no reason why front line players can not be as fit as linkmen, who are expected to take an active part in the game for the full 90 minutes.

The new technical problems are more difficult to solve for if front players are always changing position. It follows that they be asked to fulfill roles of other front players.

Wingers will be called upon to shoot first time with their wrong foot and all front players, in turn,

will be required to pull back the ball from either wing while moving at speed.

The foundations of attacking play are: Passing the ball, opening up and receiving the ball.

Modern soccer is trying to include individual action as an important tactical weapon so strikers must practice as often as possible, all aspects of individual play - - - dribbling, shooting at goal, carrying the ball and so on.

Running off the ball is probably the most important element. It is so important that it is used at the highest level of soccer as part of a team's tactics.

A good example of this was set by the famous Sandor of Hungary.

In a game against Yugoslavia in Zagreb, Yugoslavia's defence relaxed after leading 4-1 and allowed Sandor who had been running up and down un-noticed to score three goals in 15 minutes.

In the return match, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia had a man closely marking Sandor. In addition, the

other defenders were also paying him close attention.

Sandor kept running up and down the field, drawing the attention of the defence towards him.

This left Florian Albert, then a youngster, free to score three goals.

It proves that the player without the ball can play a very important role in the team.

An attack starts when a player from your team has the ball. That player can even be the goalkeeper.

The first pass in an attack is as important as the last because an attack involves many players and is an intricate movement.

The aspects of such a movement are:

- Running into open space:

- Playing without the ball, to draw an opponent towards you and leave a team mate in open territory;

- Combination play:

- Dribbling;

- Shooting.

Against a tight, well-organised defence, it is wise to hold the ball in midfield until you find an

opening for a through pass.

Against a less organised defence you should concentrate on fast counter-attacks, using speed to beat the opposition.

Peripheral vision is important. When under pressure you must look around, think in advance and find open space as quickly as possible.

Use the ball - that's the best advice, for nobody is faster than the ball and no one has as much endurance.

When discussing dribbling, we define three different kinds:

- Holding the ball until the team mate is in a position to accept a pass;

- Beating an opponent and drawing out another, thus leaving a team mate on his own;

- Beating one or two opponents and then scoring or letting a team mate score.

Without dribbling and other kinds of improvisation, a football match will become too schematic and unattractive to spectators.

Elements which strikers should practice are:

- Different ways of receiving the ball:

- Body swerves:

- Receiving the ball while at right angles to goal, thus speeding up the game;

- Feinting with the back to an opponent, and feinting in different ways while facing the opponent;

- Protecting the ball with all parts of your body, especially the hips, in case you are not able to pass the ball;

- Receiving the ball and then shooting at goal with the foot furthest away from the opponent;

- Carrying the ball, dribbling and shooting for goal;

- Shooting at goal with and without first stopping the ball, from different kinds of centre shots;

- Carrying the ball, passing to a team mate, waiting for the return and then shooting for goal;

- Shooting from different angles.

- Shooting at goal after a forward roll or after springing up from a lying position;

- Heading towards goal against an opponent;

- Practicing first-time pass, wall pass, through pass.

It is most important that the striker should be taught to look at the goal before taking his shot.

Middle strikers should practice against a packed defence for during a game, they always face a tightly guarded penalty area.

Outside strikers on the other hand, have much more room to move and are mostly required to act as wingers.

The speed of the game



Juventus striker Dino DeMarchi.

requires the striker to be on the move all the time. When his team has the ball, his aim should be to get rid of his opponent and move into a position where he can receive the ball.

Game situations which should be practiced are:

- One in front of another, without the ball, with the front player sprinting, changing direction, stopping, trying to lose his opponent, who must follow his every action;

- Two players face to face about one or two yards apart, without the ball, with one quickly moving sideways or backwards and the other following him in the same manner;

- Two teams of three players each, passing the ball with the hands in a 10 by 10 square, with the aim being for each team to keep the ball as long as it can.

Later we progress to different situations, like two against one, three against two, five against five and so on.

Versatile

The best strikers the world has seen have been Seeler and Mueller of West Germany, Pele, Jair, Tostao of Brazil, Fontaine of France, Riva of Italy, Eusebio of Portugal and Hurst of England.

Yet none were or are exclusively strikers. They can play any role in their teams and all of them are continuously in the action.

Victorian strikers fall into two different groups.

The first consists of those players who are prolific goalscorers and good footballers yet

passengers in the team because they do little work.

These players are Jimmy Mangopoulos, Bryan Thomson, Slobodan Zoraja and Branko Buljevic.

They must all accept the fact that they are part of a team and that they must fight for the lost ball.

The second group is made up of players who don't know what a lost ball is. They are always in the action, opening up and creating chances for others.

These players are Billy Rogers, Dino DeMarchi, Ian Marshall, and Ernie Ackerley.

DeMarchi and Ackerley could be the top strikers in the country if they'd take care of themselves. Both have superb ability to score and to create chances yet both appear unfit.

Young DeMarchi is definitely one of the top prospects in Australia. He is strong and aggressive, both on and off the ball.

Billy Rogers is maturing more and more and will definitely become a top player



Billy Rogers



Ernie Ackerley of South Melbourne Hellas, shoots toward goal.

They're unbeaten



Sunshine Heights under 9's, unbeaten in League games. Standing, from left: S. Scerri, S. Morgan, S. Hayden (v.c.), N. Comegna, G. Gane, R. Petherick. Front: H. Haralambous, P. Hatzl, S. Maunders, R. Vella (Capt.), C. Daglis, D. Hayden, C. Burton.

Altona beats Geelong team

Altona's under 14's defeated a representative Geelong Little League team 2-1 at Altona on the weekend.

The game was played under poor conditions and play was even.

Geelong featured a number of skilful players who look good enough for the State squad.

The team will meet the Victorian under 14's at a later date.



Melbourne's under nines, standing, from left: Mike Orr, Karl Laraman, Toni Kompos, Frank Csik, Mike Filiardis, Robert Dalgleish, Brian Keenan, Bill Orr, Kevin Anderson, Coach - Bill Naday. Sitting: Neil Brown, Frank Szentandrassy, Steve Kiss, Collin Walker, Steve Naday, John Waltrich, David Naday.



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State and South Melbourne under 14 goalkeeper Michael Tsivoglou sends a long clearance upfield during a recent League match.

CROATIA HOME IN CUP SEMI

Croatia defeated George Cross 3-2 in an exciting Under 17 Cup semi-final at Middle Park.

Croatia were first to settle down but Victoria's under 16 goalkeeper, Ferrante, was always well positioned.

In the sixth minute, Unkovic dribbled down the wing from his full-back position, and near the corner flag centred the ball to the goal area where Bacic dribbled two players and shot past Ferrante.

George Cross hit back at 20 minutes when Infelice collected the ball on the right wing, ran into the penalty area, and from 15 yards hit the cross bar. The ball rebounded into play, but the referee allowed a goal.

Four minutes later George Cross hit the front when centre-forward S. Nagy headed home a centred ball.

Croatia, without their midfield general Nino Budicin, couldn't match the fast and hard tackling George Cross team.

In the last 10 minutes Croatia went for a do-or-die effort, leaving only Cotic and Krupic in defence. The pressure put on the George Cross defence was tremendous and the ball was moving from left to right in the penalty area.

Five minutes from the end, the referee awarded a penalty from which Croatia equalised through Krupic.

Only two minutes later, Croatia scored the winning goal by Minarevic.

Best Players for Croatia: Debeljuh, Grbac.

Best Players for Cross: Cutajar, Ferrante, Deguara.

In the Cup final, Croatia will meet Juventus at Olympic Park on Saturday, in the curtain-raiser to the main game.

This game will be very interesting, after talks criticising the importing of overseas players by State League teams.

From this game, soccer fans will be able to judge just how much State League clubs can depend upon their juniors in the near future.

Croatia hasn't lost a game and is likely to be set for a double having already won the under 17 premiership.

But, Juventus with their big wins in previous Cup games look good.

Boasting a few Victoria under 16 representatives, they will keep the Croatia defence pretty busy.

Under 8

SEAFORD YELLOWS 1, SEAFORD BLACKS 1

The Blacks were lucky as the Yellows were a better team on the day. Goal scorers: Blacks; C. Lamb. Yellows; not determined, as a bunch of boys were on the ball and it appeared to be a combined effort.

Best for Blacks; S. Moy, C. Lamb, T. Swinstead, K. McNair. Yellows; G. Burns, A. Nolan, N. Thacker, P. Reeves.

Under 10

SEAFORD 4, BAYSWATER 0

Some terrific link play by Kevin Wall and Hugh Curran was a feature of the match and it was encouraging to see the forwards on the ball most of the time.

Seaford now awaits the outcome of the Doveton-Bayswater match. A Doveton defeat will

give Seaford second place but a win will mean a play off with Seaford.

Goal scorers: P. Taylor, K. Clarke, S. Price, R. Taylor. Best Players: K. Wall, H. Curran, S. Price, K. Clarke.

Under 11

MELBOURNE 2, SEAFORD 0

Seaford improved on their previous form

against top team Melbourne and the game was very close.

All boys played their best soccer but the following deserve special mention: M. Taylor, B. Boling, S. Coppard, B. Taylor.

Seaford's under 9's, 12's, and 14's have finished their league games but will be participating in local competitions during September.



Six-year-old Ross Lindsay Graham, is one of Rosanna's mighty midgets and is currently showing plenty of ability on the left-wing in the under 10's. Ross was born in Sydney.

RESULTS

UNDER 8 Peninsula 0, v. Bayswater 1.	UNDER 9 Waverley W-O v. Sunshine.	UNDER 10 Burnley 2 v. Moreland 0, Albion Rovers 3 v. Juventus 2, Sunshine Hts. 2 v. Eltham 0, Sunshine City 4 v. Werribee 0, Bayswater 0 v. Seaford 4, Doveton 3 v. Bayswater 1, Karingal 2 v. Doncaster 0.	UNDER 11 Melbourne 2 v. Seaford 0, Ringwood City Wih. 0 v. Doncaster 2, Waverley	0 v. Frankston Pines 3, Frankston City 2 v. Box Hill 0, Karingal 4 v. Peninsula 0.	Footscray J.U.S.T. 0, Melbourne 4 v. Lions 0 (Replay), Friendly: Rosanna 3 v. Triestina 2.
				UNDER 12 Albion Rovers v. Newport W-O, Doveton 0 v. Melbourne 8, Ringwood City Wih. 3 v. Croydon 1, Doncaster 3 v. Bayswater 1, Greenborough 2 v. Eltham 0, Juventus 16 v. Rosanna 0.	UNDER 14 Langwarrin 0 v. Bayswater 2.
				UNDER 13 Waverley 0 v. Frankston City 0.	UNDER 15 Doveton W-O v. Frankston City.
				UNDER 16 George Cross 4 v. Juventus 4.	UNDER 17 Croatia 3 v. George Cross 2, Keilor W-O v. Heidelberg.

Y SENT OFF



Jim Train.

Hakoah 4
Fitzroy 0

Vaaldyck 15,
Clarey 69, 71,
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as: Glykokalamos;
oulos, Papagristoriou.
nis. Coach Manny
is.

3. Fry, 2. Stenhouse, 1.
3. Xanthopoulos, 2. Seife,
1. Knot.

George Yelland.

Croatia 5,
Polonia 0

(Mackay 38, 84,
Williams 39,
Vojtek 51, 85)

The combined
brilliance of inter-
national Jimmy
Mackay and Billy
Vojtek was too
much for Polonia to
handle and
produced four of
Croatia's five
goals.

Both did a lot of work in
midfield and both were
deadly in front of goal.

Without these two soccer
giants, the game would
have been much more
even.

Marek Konopka had
enough influence in mid-
field to generate some
dangerous attacks and up
front the guile and expe-
rience of Kaz Kowalec
sometimes worried
Croatia's defence.

Mike Olinowski was
again superb in defence.
Without him Vojtek and
Mackay might have done
more damage.

Olinowski's job was more
difficult this time because
he did not have the support
of Eddy Marmur who was
playing in attack.

Critics have been saying
that Vojtek is having a poor
season. This is unjust. All
year he has been playing a
lone hand on the front line,
making his job probably
the most difficult in the
team.

On Sunday, with Mackay
next to him in attack, he
made it clear that he is still
one of Australia's leading
strikers.

Mackay too, reminded
the fans that he has few
competitors for the left link
spot in the national team.

Polonia linkman Andrew
Czapnik had his first game
after recovering from a
dislocated toe and should
return to his best form
within the next few weeks.

Polonia still has key
players on the injury list
and will do better when
closer to full strength.

CROATIA: Kovacek: Wixey,
McArthur, Symington, Williams;
Rau, Rajher; McIntyre, Vojtek,
Mackay. Armour (sub,
Gelmanovic, 70). Coach Mike Kiss.
POLONIA: Szalinski (sub,
Wielgocki); Knot, Olinowski,
Czernecki, Blank; Czapnik,
Konopka; Jaworski, Siwka, Mar-
mur, Kowalec. Coach Kaz Kowalec.
Votes:
Croatia: 3. Mackay, 2. Vojtek, 1.
Symington.
Polonia: 3. Olinowski, 2. Konopka,
1. Knot.

LAURIE SCHWAB.



Jimmy Millsavljevic

Footscray 1,
Ringwood 1

(Dragojevic 12,
Villers (R) 63)

Ringwood's Terry
Lockhurst starred
in his first State
League match after
a spell in the re-
serves.

As twin striker with Wim
Spiekermann, his powerful
and robust game always
kept Footscray's defence
under pressure.

Footscray could have
won this match but strikers
Slobodan Zoraja and
Branko Buljevic missed
countless chances.

Simeun Dragojevic was
Footscray's only scorer but
Ringwood equalised
through Alan Villers with a
typical bullet-like shot
which was deflected by
Milenko Rusmir under the
body of goalkeeper Jimmy
Millsavljevic.

Dick Ward marshalled a
sound Ringwood back line
with the skill that has made
him a rock of strength in
defence.

Five yards faster than
last season, he steadily
controlled the Footscray
strikers in the second half.

The Footscray players' the-
atrical impatience with
each other took its toll later
in the game and you could
feel the control of the
match slipping away from
them.

Frank Micic was quieter
than usual in midfield and
conceded territorial ad-
vantage to Ringwood's
David Pygall.

This, combined with the
danger of Lockhurst and
Villers and the poor play of
the Footscray front line,
gave Ringwood a well-
earned draw which will
keep the team in the
running for the top four.

FOOTSCRAY: Millsavljevic;
Ujesenovic, Rusmir, Evans, Rice,
Cirkovic, Zoraja, Lukic, Dragojevic,
Micic, Buljevic. Coach Cedo
Cirkovic.
RINGWOOD: van Egmond,
Bailey, Ward, Adam, Bens, Pygall,
Villers, Bunce, Lockhurst,
Spiekermann, Campbell.
Votes:
Footscray: 3. Millsavljevic, 2.
Rice, 1. Dragojevic.
Ringwood: 3. Lockhurst, 2.
Villers, 1. Ward.

JIM BARKER.

RINGWOOD TO BOUNCE BACK

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Ringwood City looks set to climb back into the top four by beating Lions at Jubilee Park on Saturday.

Current fourth place
holder Croatia is unlikely
to beat premiership-
bound Juventus and the
only other top four con-
tender, South Melbourne,
which should beat Slavia,
cannot match Ringwood's
goal average.

JUVENTUS v.
CROATIA
(Olympic Pk., Sat.)

Featuring some of the
top players in Australia,
these two teams will draw
the biggest crowd of the
round.

Jimmy Mackay and
Billy Vojtek, both in-
ternationals, were at
their most brilliant best
against Polonia last week
and could worry George
Kinnell and Bobby
Thomson, probably the
most experienced players
in State League soccer.

But Juventus proved its
superiority in the
Dockerty Cup, when its
under-strength team
thrashed Croatia 4-0.



Sandy Irvine

The League leader has
much more depth than
Croatia featuring
brilliant players all over
the ground.

Tommy McColl, Aus-
tralia's top scorer
during its World Cup bid
last year, will probably be
back in attack to support
the powerful Dino

DeMarchi and regular
scorer Bryan Thomson.
Add the brilliance of
Gareth Salisbury in
midfield, Jack Reilly in
goal, Sandy Irvine in
defence and a ruthless,
system of play and
Juventus must start hot
favorite in this game.

Croatia might feature
Irish newcomer Paul
Foley, a striker.

GEORGE CROSS
v.
MELBOURNE
(Schintler Res., Sat.)

George Cross' attack
really clicked last week,
scoring seven against
Lions but Melbourne will
be a different proposition.

I don't think the George
Cross defence is strong
enough to hold that
deadly trio Ray Pocock,
Billy Rogers and Steve
Bieskany.

And although Jimmy
Smart and Dario Epifano
scored five between them
last week, they won't get
as much latitude from
Fabian Juhasz and Bill
McGowan.

National coach
Zvonimir Rasic has the
Melbourne Raiders
working smoothly as a
team and although
weaknesses occur oc-
casionally, there is
enough depth to cover the
gaps.

RINGWOOD v.
LIONS
(Jubilee Pk., Sat.)

The result of the
tribunal hearing on Hugh
Murney and John Reilly
were not on hand at the
time of publication but if
both players are
suspended, Lions will
face a demoralising
defeat.

Even if both go free,
Ringwood will
systematically tear out
Lions' blunted claws and

send them whimpering
back to Essendon.

Wim Spiekermann got
great support from Terry
Lockhurst last week and
despite the loss of Brian
Edgley as player and
coach, Ringwood will do
well.

Let's face it: they'll
have no opposition.

POLONIA v.
FITZROY
(Maribyrnong, Sun.)

Fitzroy is playing so
poorly that it would have
trouble beating a Second
Division side so although
Polonia was beaten 5-0
last week and is still
below strength, it should
have no trouble in
snatching two points.

Mike Olinowski is
heading for the Victorian
side and is developing
into one of the greatest
players the State has
produced.

His power in defence
will give the Fitzroy
forwards little freedom
and Marek Konopka and
Andrew Czapnik should
win the honors in mid-
field.

Polonia's biggest
problem is in attack,
where a consistent
goalscorer is yet to be
found.

But, Alexander's
rearguard has wilted
against weaker teams
and I don't think it will
worry Polonia.

HAKOAH v.
FOOTSCRAY
(Middle Pk., Sun.)

Footscray will be
seeking revenge for its 5-2
loss to Hakoah in the
Dockerty Cup but I think
they will have to wait
until next year.

Hakoah can't match the
individual talents of
Footscray but is com-
bining much better and

has been achieving good
results.

The loss of coach Lou
Brocie is showing its
effect on Footscray,
whose players need a
general who can pull
them into line.

Last week, against
Ringwood, the team
lacked system and
Branko Buljevic and
Slobodan Zoraja missed
scores of sitters.

Unlike Footscray,
Hakoah is getting good
service from all its
players and is not wor-
ried by players not pulling
their weight.

If the same
workmanlike attitude
that has been evident in
recent weeks can be
reproduced by Hakoah, it
should be the vital factor
in another victory.

SLAVIA v.
STH. MELB.
(Olympic Pk., Sun.)

Although new coach
Ken Kontra has improved
Slavia considerably, the
team does not have the
artillery to defeat South
Melbourne which is now
making a determined bid
for a place in the State
League Cup competition.

Ian Marshall, one of the
most hard-working
players in the League,
has been a big asset to
Hellas and has added a lot
of punch to the attack.

David Gorrie is a
regular scorer from
behind, Geoff Gould can
star when he wants to,
and Ernie Ackerley is still
one of the most useful
players in Victoria.

Newcomer Tommy
Clark is yet to show what
he can do but he has good
credentials and will prove
his value when he settles
down.

Jim Train did well in
Slavia's midfield last
week but without strikers
Slavia won't avoid
relegation.

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Team of the week

MILISAVLJEVIC
(Footscray)

JELLA ROCCA (Juventus)	OLINOWSKI (Polonia)	R. THOMSON (Juventus)	McGOWAN (Melbourne)
	J. TRAIN (Slavia)	MACKAY (Croatia)	
POCOCK (Melbourne)	VOJTEK (Croatia)	SMART (Geo. Cross)	EPIFANO (Geo. Cross)



Polonia coach Kaz Kowalec comes through
with the ball after beating Croatia's Ray Wixey.
In the background are Marek Konopka and Zbig
Knot.

COUNTRY AND DISTRICT

NORTH EASTERN

In last week's game between Milawa and Myrtleford, a Milawa player is reported to have struck referee Tolnai of Melbourne.

The club is also charged with failing to protect or assist the official in any way.

In view of the serious nature of the charges, they were heard by the Metropolitan I. & D. Committee at Soccer House last night.

The North Eastern Federation took the bold

step of suspending the club pending the outcome of the hearing.

As a result, the points for last Sunday's games went to opponents.

Cobram still maintain their three points lead at the head of the table with Myrtleford and Shepparton keeping in close contact.

The wonderful trophy donated by LaFiamma for the season's top goalscorer, looks likely to go to Myrtleford striker D. Symes.

He held a one goal advantage over B. Tudor of Whorouly up to last Sunday, 30 goals to 29.

Results of last Sunday's games:

SENIORS.

Albury 2 Whorouly 0, King Valley 6 Benalla 1, Milawa 1 Cobram w.o. Myrtleford 18 Deniliquin 0, Seymour 1 Shepparton 10, Wangaratta 3 Wodonga 2.

RESERVES.

Albury 0 Whorouly 4, King Valley 3 Benalla 0, Milawa 1 Cobram w.o. Myrtleford 2 Deniliquin 0, Seymour 1 Shepparton 2, Wangaratta 1, Wodonga w.o.

JUNIORS.

Myrtleford 3 Deniliquin 0, Seymour 3 Shepparton 3, Wangaratta 3 Wodonga 3, Benalla 0, Cobram 1, each received 2 points for a bye.

JUNIORS.

Wangaratta 31 points, Myrtleford 31, Cobram 26, Wodonga 26.

Deniliquin 21, Benalla 20, Seymour 19, Albury 18, Shepparton 12.

SENIORS.

Cobram 18 14 4 9 55-22 28
Myrtleford 18 14 1 1 80-30 28
Shepparton 18 12 3 7 75-28 28
Whorouly 18 12 0 6 77-27 24
Milawa 18 8 2 6 53-33 18
Albury 18 8 2 3 34-41 18
King Valley 18 4 10 31-57 12
Wangaratta 18 2 11 20-56 12
Wodonga 18 3 5 10 28-44 11
Benalla 18 5 1 12 31-71 11
Seymour 18 5 1 12 74-69 11
Deniliquin 18 2 6 10 25-74 10

RESERVES.

Myrtleford 18 16 0 1 82-9 23
Cobram 18 15 0 3 87-17 20
Shepparton 18 14 0 4 82-18 20
Whorouly 18 12 2 4 73-12 18
Milawa 18 11 3 5 58-17 25
Wodonga 18 9 1 8 36-32 19
King Valley 18 7 4 7 20-41 15
Albury 18 7 1 10 20-15 15
Deniliquin 18 4 2 10 21-68 10
Benalla 18 3 1 14 87-7 7
Seymour 14 2 10 18-56 6

DISTRICT LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION.

Fitzroy 2 (Farrinacci, Agnoletto, Best: Lia, Farrinacci) drew with Chadstone 2 (A. Fox 2, Best: T. Doolan, D. Pruden, M. Connors).

Fawkner 2 (M. Cosmano, V. Del'Olio, Best: G. Masoch, V. Del'Olio, G. Buloch) defeated Yarraville 1.

Kingsville 10 (Jole 4, Ilo 2, Pero 2, Cole, Zivko, Best: Fode, Peco), defeated North Altona 0.

Langwarrin 3 (M. Bailey, D. Wilson, G. Sutton, Best: Bailey, R. Pedron, Wilson) defeated Melton 0 (Best: I. Bell, J. McPhail, M. Broadley).

Hawkesburn 3 (Sekete 2, Pribil, Best: Pribil, Sekete, Bremetz) defeated Pascoe Vale 2.

CENTRAL.

Diamond Creek B. conceded walkover to Regent.

Diamond Creek A. 2 (K. Mitchell 2, Best: K. Mitchell, V. Cook, B. Plant) drew with Middle Park 2.

Kew Slovene 2 (W. Jelenic, L. Marinac pen. Best: D. Hribernik, L. Marinac, I. Delic) drew with Carlton 2 (A. Aleksic, M. Radokovic, Best: A. Aleksic, M. Radokovic, N. Peckic).

Keon Park w-o versus Reservoir.

Royal Park 0 lost to East Carlton 2 (Gargaro, Barrasso, Best: Rossetto, Humphreys, Angerami).

WESTERN DIVISION.

North Sunshine 1 (C. Borg, Best: F. Mizzi, A. Spiteri, L. Peel) lost to Central Altona 2 (R. Kieffer, S. Zamola, Best: P. Pasevsky, J. Longaretti, M. Karmonycki).

Werribee 5 (Parker 2, Costello, Hubilee, Mantello, Best: Costello, Parker) defeated West Melbourne 1.

Laverton A. v. Parkville Cedars. Not played.

Garden City 3 (Tsatsakis, Iakovidis, Alebras, Best: Tsatsakis, Iakovidis,

Leach) defeated Ascot United 0. (Best: B. Brennan, J. Brzaniti).

EASTERN DIVISION.

Monash 3 defeated Toorak H.M.E.M.

1. Cheltenham 3 (D. Jones 2, R. Tutko, Best: Jones, Kubasek, Magee) defeated Mitcham 2.

2. Windsor 4 defeated South Dandenong

3. Sandringham 1 drew with Burnley 1. (Folger, Best: Wily).

Fitzroy 0 Chadstone 3, Fawkner 5

Yarraville 1, Kingsville w-o v. Nth. Altona, Langwarrin 0 Melton 1, Hawkesburn 3 Pascoe Vale 2.

RESERVE DIVISION.

1. Cheltenham 3, Fawkner 5

Yarraville 1, Kingsville w-o v. Nth. Altona, Langwarrin 0 Melton 1, Hawkesburn 3 Pascoe Vale 2.

FIXTURES.

PREMIER DIVISION & RESERVES.

Fawkner v. Fitzroy, Chadstone v. Frankston Pines, Ardeer v. Hawkesburn, Pascoe Vale v. Kingsville, North Altona v. Langwarrin, Yarraville v. Melton.

WEST DIVISION.

Elsternwick v. Garden City, Ascot Utd. v. Nth. Sunshine, Central Altona v. Laverton A., Parkville Cedars v. Werribee, West Melbourne - bye, Laverton B. v. Williamstown.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

Diamond Creek A v. East Brunswick, Croydon 4ths. v. Kew, Carlton v. Keon Park, Reservoir v. Royal Park, East Carlton v. Diamond Creek B., Middle Park v. Regent.

EAST DIVISION.

Cheltenham v. Sandringham 3rds., Burnley v. Doveton, Army Apprentices A. v. Monash 3rds., Toorak v. Army Apprentices B., Windsor - bye, Mitcham v. Sth. Dandenong.

BALLARAT, GEELONG

Championships in all divisions of Geelong, Ballarat and District F. A. have been won.

Geelong Little Soccer League has also provided outright winners of this years competitions.

Hamlyn Rangers clinched the First Division flag when they defeated Ballarat United 2-1 at Hamlyn Park, last Saturday.

It was Hamlyn's last game for the season and a win would give them an unbeatable lead at the top.

It was a tough, nail biting affair, and several players wilted under the strain and tension.

One of Hamlyn's most dynamic players, Duncan Thomson, put his side on the victory path by scoring the only goal of the first half.

Early in the second half, Thomson provided the pass for Charlie Fitzpatrick to make it 2-0 and Hamlyn breathed more freely.

With three minutes to go, Ballarat shocked Hamlyn out of their complacency by reducing the arrears with a neat goal from Harry Arts.

The last three minutes were long ones for the winners, but they hung on to their narrow lead.

Hamlyn are worthy champions, they have been steady and consistent throughout the League season.

Geelong have only a one point lead at the head of Division Two, with one match to go.

However, Ballarat's inability to field a second string, automatically gives Geelong the points and the League championship.

In the under 17 competition, Corio was never seriously challenged and have literally walked away with the flag.

FIRST DIVISION

Hamlyn Rangers 2 Ballarat United 1, Geelong City 2 Belmont 0, Briminton 1, Geelong 5, North Geelong - bye, Bell Park - bye.

SECOND DIVISION.

Hamlyn Rangers w-o Ballarat United - Geelong City 3 Belmont 1, Briminton 0 Geelong 11, North Geelong 12, 0 13-17 0

INTERSTATE RESULTS

SYDNEY FRAGUE 1 d. AUBURN 0
SCORERS - Sydney-Prague: W. Bolly.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1 d. W. Bolly.

MARRICKVILLE 0 d. SCORERS - Marconi-Fairfield: J. Cudek.

PAN-HELLENIC 1 d. APTIA-LECHART 0

SCORERS - Pan-Hellenic: D. Harding.

RYDE 3 d. MELITA 0

SCORERS - Ryde: J. Alagich 2, B. Dougan.

HAHOAH-EASTERN SUBURBS 4 d. SOUTH COAST 0

SCORERS - Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs: D. Koddie 2, R. Baart, P. Wilson own goal.

South Coast United: J. McGinnigle, J. McGrath.

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LATROBE VALLEY

SENIORS

Monash 2, Fortuna 2; Rangers 1, Newborough 2; Bairnsdale 3, Traralgon 6; Pegasus 4, Churchill 0.

RESERVES

Monash 3, Fortuna 1; Rangers 2, Newborough 5; Bairnsdale 3, Traralgon 2; Pegasus 5, Churchill 0; Warragul 2, RAAP; Falcons 2, Moe 2.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Semi-Final

SENIORS

Pegasus 1, Newborough 3; Churchill 0, Traralgon 3; Churchill 0, Warragul 2; RAAP; Falcons 2, Moe 2.

SHOPWELL TROPHY

Semi-Final

RESERVES

Pegasus 1, Newborough 4; Churchill 2, Rangers 3.

UNDER 14's

Bairnsdale 5, Traralgon 1; Monash 7, Fortuna 2; Rangers 2, Newborough 2; Warragul 0, Yallourn 5; Pegasus 1, Moe 5.

UNDER 12's

Warragul 0, Rangers 7; Monash 4, Yall-Reds 0; Bairnsdale 2, Traralgon 1; Pegasus 0, Wanderers 5; Yall-Whites 0, Moe 3; Maryvale 2, Fortuna 7; Newborough, Bye.

UNDER 10's CUP

Churchill 7, Maryvale 0; Traralgon 2, Falcons 1; Monash 1, Yallourn 5; Celtic 0, Newborough 7.

SENIORS

Pegasus 16 12 1 3 55-10 25
Traralgon 16 12 1 3 55-10 25
Falcons 16 11 2 3 34-15 24
Newborough 16 10 4 2 46-21 24
Rangers 16 10 2 4 40-20 22
Warragul 16 9 1 5 55-19 21
Fortuna 16 8 1 7 32-50 13
Moe 16 8 1 7 32-50 13
Pegasus 16 7 1 8 32-50 13
Yall-Reds 16 7 1 8 32-50 13
Bairnsdale 16 6 1 9 32-50 13
Churchill 16 5 1 10 24-1 0

RESERVES

Monash 16 15 2 1 78-12 32
Pegasus 16 12 2 4 57-27 25
Newborough 16 10 2 6 55-28 25
Falcons 16 10 2 6 55-28 25
Traralgon 16 9 2 7 40-20 22
Warragul 16 8 2 8 47-18 21
Fortuna 16 7 2 9 34-20 20
Yallourn 16 6 2 10 37-21 19
Churchill 16 5 2 11 24-0 16
Bairnsdale 16 4 2 12 24-0 16
Moe 16 3 2 13 32-8 9

UNDER 14's

Monash 16 15 1 1 108-24 31
Rangers 16 14 2 1 72-19 30
N'borough 16 12 2 3 73-15 26
Yallourn 16 11 2 4 64-22 24
Fortuna 16 10 2 4 64-22 24
Moe 16 10 2 4 64-22 24
Pegasus 16 10 2 4 64-22 24
Warragul 16 10 2 4 64-22 24
Traralgon 16 10 2 4 64-22 24
Falcons 16 10 2 4 64-22 24
Churchill 16 10 2 4 64-22 24

UNDER 12's

Rangers 16 15 0 1 123-8 35
N'borough 16 15 0 1 123-8 35
Moe 16 14 0 2 85-28 28
Monash 16 13 1 4 86-19 27
Yallourn 16 12 0 5 60-22 24
Warragul 16 10 0 8 17-43 20
Wanderers 16 10 2 4 70-16 14
Traralgon 16 10 2 4 70-16 14
Fortuna 16 10 2 4 70-16 14
Maryvale 16 10 2 4 70-16 14
Bairnsdale 16 10 2 4 70-16 14
Churchill 16 10 2 4 70-16 14

Metropolitan round-up — with George Yelland

SECOND DIVISION A CLIFF HANGER

Interest and excitement remain at a high level in the Metropolitan League.

Fierce battles in all four divisions did little to clarify promotion and relegation problems.

Box Hill clung to top spot in first division when an own goal by Elwood defender Cornel Sen gave them both points, but Dandenong and Preston Makedonia kept up the challenge with convincing victories.

Top two, in divisions two and four, met and divided the spoils.

Intensity of the competition in division two was highlighted when not one of the top seven clubs won.

In division three Mooroolbark drew closer to the top when they got the better of League leader, Fernree Gully, in a tough encounter at Mooroolbark.

Maribyrnong Triestina are making a desperate bid to avoid the drop into division three and won by four clear goals against Sandringham.

In division three, St. Kilda drew with Heidelberg and extended their unbeaten run to eight games, five wins and three draws.

Brilliant, crowd pleasing games took place at Keilor and Yallourn.

Both games were thrill-a-minute encounters, full of top class Soccer.

These games would rival anything that State League could produce.

The match I saw at Frankston was full of interest for the full ninety minutes.

Playing several reserves, due to injury, neither side produced its best form but there were plenty of thrilling moments.

Frankston started off at top speed and threatened to swamp Princes Park Hercules.

The visitors showed their class when they not only stemmed the onslaught, but fought back to take the lead.

A mishit but accurately placed shot by Albie Matthews, restored equality. Darting down the left at high speed, he hit the ball from an oblique angle, low into the net.

Paul Bitsounis cleverly headed Hercules into the lead when he nodded home a rebound from the woodwork.

When goalkeeper, Billy Papoutsakis, handled outside the penalty area, Perry Skamagias hit the post with his acute angled free kick and Bitsounis did the rest.

Jimmy Papas and Billy Papoutsakis impressed with fearless and intelligent goalkeeping.

Diminutive Charlie Gambin was outstanding for Princes Park, a veritable dynamo he was everywhere in defence.

His kicking was clean and powerful, his tackling courageous and effective.

In the overall picture, Hercules were trickier with footwork and more accurate with passing. Frankston, a big and strong side, should have

wrapped the game up in the first 25 minutes. They are speedy and direct.

Albie Matthews, a tall, well-built spearhead, has a lethal shot but does not use it enough.

Brian Finch is the brains of the attack. His defence splitting passes were well conceived and accurately executed.

Tom Hall, Billy Lewis and Mick Bevis were strong defenders who never shirked a tackle. Kurt Schroeder is a constructive linkman and a hard worker.

The teams chief fault lay in hesitancy in front of goal and an unwillingness to "have a go".

Many players do not collect passes and move with the ball quickly enough and there is too great a tendency to wait for the ball instead of going in for it.

Closer marking of opponents and a little better understanding of one another's moves, would make them a team to be feared.

Hercules played good Soccer and pushed the ball forward consistently. Bitsounis, Skamagias, Steve Kannis and Frank Di Giovanni all take the short route to goal.

Elwood Austria and Box Hill fought out a first class match at Ormond Esplanade on Saturday.

Playing with the breeze Elwood pressed the visitors in the first half and John Hagar brought off two terrific saves.

Two other shots were cleared off the line by defenders.

Much of the game developed into a midfield tussle with honors fairly even.

The only goal came in the second half when Cornel Sen back-heeled to Frank Petersen who had moved out of goal.

The ball hit the post and passed into goal.

Austria had chances to draw level, but did not finish well and Box Hill's defence was solid and untrifled.

Micky Lydon went close for the visitors when a great shot flashed inches wide of the post.

Grant McGregor in the link role, sweeper Jimmy McCracken and full back Alan Dewar were best for a workmanlike Box Hill.

John Webb, Johnny Trzaskowski, Cornel Sen and Mike Walsh, gave outstanding service to a rather unfortunate Austria.

Playing juniors David Hope 16, Bob Madden 17, John Symes 17 and Trevor Teer 15, Box Hill defeated the powerful Austria reserves 2-2.

Their goals came from Micky Lydon 2 and John Field.

Some of their youngsters were playing their first ever senior game.

Dandenong City kept up their challenge to Box Hill with a clear cut win over Sunshine City.

The game was won and lost between the 7th and 15th minutes when Dandenong streaked to a three goal lead.

First, Jimmy Miller collected a throw in and crossed accurately for Peter Lowen to score.

Four minutes later, Lowen struck again when he rose high to nod in a Mike Hall corner kick.

Another four minutes and the best goal of the match was scored. Ken Fletcher dispossessed a Sunshine forward, passed to

Miller who darted upfield, slid the ball to Lowen.

Lowen transferred it to Hall who found Brian Holcombe unmarked Holcombe made no mistake with a hard drive.

Dandenong then slackened pace as Sunshine steadied and the game was more even up to half time.

The second half was a rather drab affair, until Albert Seenan chased a lost ball to pull one back for the visitors.

Without Peter Hill, Kazi Pietrowski and Bobby Pocock, all injured, Sunshine never looked likely to pull the game out of the fire.

Butch Kokoska and Mick Banagan gave ninety minutes of sustained effort for the visitors.

Dandenong were served best by pivot Phil Bence, David Parker, Lowen and Holcombe.

John Beesley, who has spent his Soccer life at Springvale, has gone to West Australia.

A consistent and polished player, his presence in the side will be easily missed.

Joining Springvale ten years ago at the age of twelve, he worked his way to the top via junior sides.

Giffilan and Peters were both on the injured list, yet St. Albans never offered a serious challenge.

Peter Druska, who came from Melbourne, replaced Giffilan at centre half and gave a faultless exhibition.

Tom Fowler, playing twin centreman with Druska, also gave a fine performance.

Barry Horsfall is finding the going tough. His reputation has made him a marked man and he received plenty of attention.

Norman Edgar put Henk Meyer away on the wing and his centred, well anticipated perfectly by Fowler as he raced through to smash the ball into the net.

Midway in the second half, Meyer was through with a clear shot at goal when he was pushed off the ball.

He converted the resultant penalty kick.

Stuart McLachlan in goal, Pat Fynn, Fowler and Druska were outstanding for Springvale.

Keilor City and Altona City played a ding dong battle at St. Albans. It was fast, open soccer of a very high standard, a credit to both teams.

Altona played against the wind in the first half but had slightly the better of exchanges.

Keilor opened the second half with great pressure.

Within three minutes Eddie Kuxep scored from an accurate cross by Kar Klein.

Altona showed terrific speed in the fight back and eventually Ilias Iordanis equalised with a brilliant, flick header following a corner kick.

Both goalkeepers were tested with fine shots.

Zenon Golonski tipped one cannon ball shot, from Ray King, over the bar in great style.

Jim Bayliss close marked danger-man Stan Kovacs and young Iordanis was a handful for experienced Joe Menary.

Iordanis is only 17, and is a bright spark for the future, down Altona way.

He played for Victoria under it's Adelaide last year. He is fast and goal hungry.

Stuart Culbard played a storming game at left back, for Altona.

Morland broke away to go into a shock lead.

Roland Sowerby collected a pass from Brendan Crothers and cracked the ball low into the net.

Green Gully fought back and Morgan Abouzied, Morland's 17½ years old keeper made two fantastic saves from point blank range.

Five minutes before half-time, slack defensive covering let in Ajax, to equalise.

Green Gully came out full of determination in the second half but Morland's defence held firm.

The visitors turned the tide and Sowerby and Davey Oxtan went close with fine efforts.

Brendan Crothers took an intelligent throw-in to the advancing Oxtan who swept forward to give Morland the lead with a flashing rising drive.

Green Gully fought hard to equalise, indulging in some questionable tactics and spurred on by a crowd that hurled abuse at the referee and visiting players.

Morland stuck to their task and emerged worthy winners.

Crothers, Oxtan and Herb Pilson were superb in an all out team effort.

Maribyrnong Triestina crushed an inferior Sandringham, by four clear goals, at Campbell Reserve.

It was Triestina all the way with Sandringham making the odd, ineffective break-away.

Sergio Tribuzio opened the scoring when Sandringham's goalkeeper fumbled his first shot. Following up, he scored easily.

A corner by Eddie Pica was met by Joe Sosinski to make it 2-0.

Tribuzio made it three, early in the second half.

Goalkeeper Mario Saffioti replaced by Giovanni.

Restuccia, who gave a sound performance, made a couple of great saves before Pica scored Triestina's fourth from a glorious pass by Dante Moyano.

It was a sound team effort by Giovanni, who are fighting desperately to retain second division status.

Brighton kept a point ahead of Triestina, when they narrowly defeated Oakleigh Athens by the only goal of the game.

The goal was a lucky one as the goalkeeper stopped Dave Campbell's 40 yard drive, but dropped the ball and it rolled into the net.

Brighton having 90 per cent of the play but their finish is woeful.

Jimmy Molloy got the ball into the net early on but was off side.

Dave Theman, Dave King and Molloy all went close to scoring with great first half efforts.

Altona's goalkeeper was outstanding. After Brighton went ahead, Molloy and Theman had further shots well saved.

Brighton's defence is sound but

if they are to stave off relegation, they must find an answer to their present goal famine.

Yallourn and Coburg put on an exhibition of brilliant end to end soccer which would have made most State League clubs blush with shame and envy.

So would the crowd of over 500 which thrilled to this grand game.

A cautious, evenly balanced start developed into a dazzling exhibition of brilliant attacking soccer.

Coburg scored after only 13 minutes following a free kick.

Cec Earley hit the ball into the goalmouth for a brilliant back header by George Malcolm to find the net.

Eight minutes later Joss Adrichen had a clear view of goal. His shot was palmed away desperately by Ray Taylor, who played a fine defensive game.

Johnny Szabo scored from the spot. Little more than half an hour had gone when Yallourn took the lead.

A good ball was crossed from the right wing.

Linton Plummer swivelled and hit it first time.

The ball screamed into the net, giving Sammy Crooks no chance. Five minutes after the interval, Coburg were level again.

There were thrills at both ends.

Arthur Bolton headed one off the line and at the other end, Watson and the Malcolm brothers all tested Yallourn's keeper.

Devey Yallourn brought all his wide experience and football knowhow into effect.

He had a great game also. John Yelland controlled the middle. Giving his best performance for the season, he completely subdued ace goal grabber John Szabo.

It was a wonderful team effort by both sides and a draw was a fair result.

Billy Hodgson, Brian Anderson and Johnny Poelsmer were noteworthy players in a fine Yallourn side.

Every member of Coburg fought the full ninety minutes.

Top of the third division battle between Mooroolbark and Fernree Gully was a great spectacle.

The standard was high and the game was fast and clean.

Gully led at half time when a forward headed against the cross bar following a corner kick. He met the return and nodded it in.

Mooroolbark resumed full of determination after the interval.

Playing purposeful soccer they equalised in 57 minutes following a corner.

Andy Strange side-footed to Albert Stanway, who smacked it in.

With 20 minutes to go, Robby Ryff, crossed a neat ball for

Strange to put Mooroolbark in front.

Mooroolbark were on top and did not relax until the final whistle.

Both sides paid tribute to referee Daly's handling of the game.

Park Rangers were without four key players at Deer Park and offered only token resistance to a polished Western Suburbs.

Bobby Whiteside, John Cennie, Jimmy Walker and John Morrice were all absent.

In the very early stages, Rangers went close to scoring but when George Adamidis opened Suburbs' account after ten minutes it was all one way traffic.

Demetrios Kypriotis, George Adamidis and Nick Adamidis scored further goals before half time.

In the second half, George Maykousis showed his skill and power by scoring four times.

George Rawlings notched a consolation goal for Rangers in the last minute.

Bright spot for Rangers was the sound effort by Ken Mitchell at right half.

George Rawlings did enough to indicate that he is a more than useful striker.

Western Suburbs was an all round team effort.

Two ex juniors played their first senior game.

Demetrios Papaschalis from Sunshine Heights juniors and Anesti Panagiotidis from Alexander juniors justified their inclusion and should develop into class players.

Heidelberg opened at high speed in their match at St. Kilda but were rattled in the twelfth minute when the home side took the lead.

Ricky Swart collected a long ball down the middle and headed for goal. He was brought down in the box by Ian Caig and Dennis Fragopoulos converted the penalty kick.

The lead was short lived. David Harrison gave Paul Watson a chance.

Goalkeeper Speekenbrink saved his shot but dropped the ball. Watson dashed in to equalise.

Caig had an unhappy match, for after 30 minutes he sliced an attempted clearance into his own net.

St. Kilda stormed into attack but Ray Scrace was in superb form in Heidelberg's goal.

He made three brilliant saves before Jimmy Dale took the ball out of danger, made a great run up field and passed to Paul Watson.

Watson transferred the ball to David Harrison, who squared it back to Dale.

The centre half hit it like a rocket from 20 yards to equalise with a glorious goal.

The second half was cut and thrust until only three minutes remained. Dave Harrison split the defence with a grand ball which found Donald Clark. Clark scored

easily but St. Kilda wouldn't lay down.

Straight from the kick off, they swept into attack.

Fragopoulos side stopped two defenders and shot into the corner of the net for a dramatic equaliser.

Jimmy Dale was the game's outstanding player. He was well supported by Donald Clark, Bert Parker and Ray Scrace.

St. Kilda received good service from Harry van Schilt, Tony Berens and Kevin Mouncey.

Regular goalkeeper Fritz Pel is still on business, in Canberra.

Bayswater narrowly defeated Croynon in a crowd pleasing game at Bayswater.

There was little to choose between the teams.

Bayswater took their chances and Croynon only took one.

Goalkeepers Martin Koeman of Croynon and Bernie Easton of Bayswater were in great form.

Koeman saved well from Matthew Vandemijne. Easton dived at the feet of Jeff Bagg to save dramatically.

He saved another beauty when John Layten blasted in a terrific shot. Koeman then positioned well to collect a hard drive from Tony Mann. It was a battle of keepers.

Bayswater went hard into attack in the second half but Koeman excelled.

When Doug Salt broke through for Croynon, Easton was equal to the occasion.

Bayswater finally went ahead when Koeman made his only mistake. Tony Mann raced through, outstripped the defence and his oblique shot went through the goalies legs into the net.

After 70 minutes Rudi Oosting crossed to the feet of Tony Mann. A neat flick and Bayswater were two up.

With a quarter of an hour to go, Doug Salt broke through but was tripped in the area.

Julius Szimeczek, playing his best game for Croynon, scored from the penalty spot.

Croynon persisted with balls down the middle and were crowded out by a determined defence.

Julius Szimeczek, Jim Telford and Alan Tait. Koeman played brilliantly for Croynon.

Bernie Jensen, Brian Wardle and Bernie Easton gave outstanding service to Bayswater.

Eltham were on top all the way against Mornington.

They should have scored more than four goals.

The Mornington keeper gave an outstanding display, saving shots high and low.

John Lee had a personal triumph in scoring a hat-trick.

After Lee made the running and shot which Bill Ogilvie finished off by tapping into the net.

An Alan Eltham goalmouth resulted in a defender deflecting the ball into his own net to give Mornington their only goal.

Broadmeads made a great fight of the game going down by the only goal of the game against Melbourne University.

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Croatia	16	7	3	6	28-14	19	
Ringwood	17	7	5	5	31-19	19	
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Polonia	17	6	4	7	25-30	16	
Hakoah	17	6	5	7	21-30	15	
G. Cross	17	6	4	7	26-27	15	
Pitaroy	17	4	3	10	23-34	11	
Lions	17	1	5	11	19-48	7	
Slavia	17	0	5	12	7-37	5	

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Box Hill	15	11	2	2	30-12	24	
Makodonia	16	9	4	3	35-12	22	
Dandenong	14	8	4	2	33-21	20	
Austria	16	7	5	4	28-19	19	
Sunshine	16	6	7	3	31-17	19	
Altona	16	7	3	6	23-26	17	
Kellor	16	6	4	6	21-20	16	
Ringwood	16	6	4	6	26-27	16	
Springvale	16	5	4	7	27-27	14	
Princes Park	16	5	2	9	27-38	12	
St. Albans	15	1	4	10	10-28	6	
Richmond	16	1	2	13	13-45	4	

SECOND DIVISION

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Yallourn	16	8	5	3	34-17	21	
Coburg	16	8	5	3	31-16	20	
Frankston	16	7	6	3	31-16	20	
Albion	16	7	5	4	27-17	19	
Green Gully	16	8	5	3	30-18	19	
Moreland	16	7	6	3	29-16	17	
Waverley	17	7	2	8	30-34	16	
Sandham	16	6	4	6	29-47	16	
Brighton	16	6	4	6	31-19	12	
Maribyrnong	16	4	3	9	21-54	11	
Oakleigh	16	4	0	12	12-53	2	

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Fernfere G.	17	12	3	2	35-17	23	
W. Sub.	16	10	2	4	34-18	22	
Woolbrook	16	9	3	4	32-18	20	
Doncaster	15	8	3	4	32-18	19	
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Baywater	17	3	8	5	30-43	14	
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E. Melb.	15	3	5	7	15-35	11	
Clayton	16	3	4	10	17-48	8	

FOURTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Corio	17	12	3	2	35-17	23	
N. Carlton	17	12	3	2	34-18	22	
Newport	16	10	4	2	47-31	24	
Eltham	17	10	3	4	41-21	23	
Doncaster	16	10	3	3	46-21	23	
St. Yarra	16	9	4	3	45-22	22	
University	17	8	1	8	36-30	17	
E. Meadows	17	6	2	9	27-33	14	
Mornington	16	5	3	8	31-28	13	
Monash	18	4	2	12	36-50	10	
Moorabbin	17	3	3	11	22-52	9	
Rosebud	16	1	1	14	11-106	3	

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

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Hakoah	16	8	5	3	33-15	21	
Footscray	16	9	3	4	31-24	21	
Lions	17	9	2	6	43-34	20	
Croatia	15	5	8	2	33-19	18	
Ringwood	15	7	4	4	40-25	18	
G. Cross	17	6	4	7	36-31	16	
Juventus	14	5	4	5	25-14	14	
South Melb.	15	2	7	8	8-15	11	
Slavia	16	1	3	12	10-40	5	
Melbourne	16	3	3	10	17-40	9	
Pitaroy	13	0	2	11	8-43	2	

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Frankston	15	12	1	2	39-14	25	
Coburg	16	11	2	3	42-20	24	
Waverley	16	10	1	5	44-27	21	
Albion	16	9	2	5	41-27	21	
Brighton	16	8	3	5	39-20	19	
Green Gully	16	8	3	5	39-20	19	
Altona	16	8	3	5	39-20	19	
Princes Park	16	7	4	5	37-30	18	
Sandham	15	7	2	6	35-28	16	
Oakleigh	14	1	1	12	7-59	3	

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Moorebank	16	12	1	3	45-21	25	
West. Sub.	16	11	1	4	45-18	23	
Croyden	16	10	2	4	55-17	22	
Geelong	16	10	2	4	48-20	22	
Fernfere G.	16	9	2	5	44-18	20	
Clayton	14	7	4	5	38-12	17	
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Bellarat	15	6	1	8	26-13	13	
St. Kilda	17	3	1	13	15-50	9	
Geelong	16	2	2	12	12-50	6	
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Pt. Ranges	16	1	1	14	13-91	3	

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Newport	16	11	1	4	47-27	27	
B. Meadows	17	12	1	3	53-31	27	
St. Yarra	16	10	2	4	50-27	26	
Corio	17	10	3	4	36-18	25	
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Woolbrook	16	10	2	4	48-25	24	
Moorabbin	17	5	2	10	24-45	15	
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Prahran v. Ringwood 4-5 (1-4).
Springvale v. St. Albans 2-0 (2-0).
Dandenong v. Sunshine 3-1 (1-1).

DIVISION 2.

Ajax v. Moreland 1-2 (2-1).
Brighton v. Athena 1-0 (6-0).
Frankston v. Hercules 1-1 (3-2).
Triestina v. Sand ham 4-0 (0-1).
Albion v. Waverley 1-3 (1-4).
Coburg v. Yallourn 2-2 (1-0).

DIVISION 3.

Chelsea v. Clayton 0-0 (1-1).

Bayswater v. Croydon 2-1 (1-6).

Bellarat v. Helvetic 1-2 (2-0).

Mooroolbark v. Ferntree Gully 2-1
(3-0), St. Kilda v. Heidelberg 3-3
(0-2), Western Suburbs v. Park
Rangers 8-1 (13-0)

DIVISION 4.

Eltham v. Mornington 4-1 (1-2).

Doncaster v. Monash 10-1 (6-1).

Corio v. Olympic 1-1 (1-4), South
Yarra v. Moorabbin 7-0 (2-1).
Rosebud v. Newport 0-8 (0-3).
University v. Broadmeadows 1-0

(5-1).

THIRDS.

Clayton v. Mooroolbark
Brighton v. University. Frankston

v. Croydon 3-2., Moorabbin v
Doncaster 4-0., Hakoah v. Dan
denong 3-3, Waverley - bye.

PYGALL COULD TAKE MEDAL

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Ringwood City's David Pygall is favored to win the Bill Fleming Medal.

The medal, previously called the Argus Medal but renamed in honor of the man who originated it, is for the best and fairest State League player.

If Pygall wins the Medal he will make Ringwood the only club that has produced three winners.

Previous Ringwood Medalists have been Westweld in 1958 and Aldis in 1966.

Pygall, the current leader in the Marlboro award voting (see page 4), has played consistently well all year and has been Ringwood's only effective linkman since Mike Pye dropped out because of an injury.

Without the "blond bombshell", Ringwood

regarded as the best player in Victoria, but the former Sunderland skipper who has played a big part in making Juventus virtually unbeatable, is likely to lose many votes to his classy team mates.

Utjesenovic is unquestionably the best full back in Australia. Yet he could lose votes simply because he is so far advanced.

Referees, who award the Medal votes on a 3-2-1 basis, might not be able to appreciate his tactical superiority and his devastating attacking play.

Utjesenovic will also lose many votes to team mate Micic.

Juhasz of Melbourne rates second to Kinnell as a centre back.

He is cool, accurate, tactically clever but often inconspicuous.

His value and ability are undoubted yet the fact that he is merely a cog in a Melbourne machine that relies entirely on team work, could go against him.

Ian McCarthy of Lions should poll well because he stands out in a poor Lions team. The same goes for O'Neill of Hakoah.

Whether either of them can poll better than members of the classier



Dragan Utjesenovic.

would not be a final four contender.

After Pygall had been voted best man afield during the recent match against Fitzroy, Soccer News expert Jim Barker wrote:

"That Pygall does not rate the Victorian squad is astounding. He is the best and most consistent midfielder in Melbourne and arguably the best in Australia."

Pygall has all the skills, fighting spirit and stamina required to fill the link role but his greatest asset is his consistency.

Unlike Victoria's other great midfielders -- Jimmy Mackay, Gareth Salisbury and Frank Micic -- Pygall rarely puts in a bad game.

This should be the deciding factor in his bid for the Fleming Medal.

Stiff opposition is likely to come from George Kinnell of Juventus, Dragan Utjesenovic of Footscray, Fabian Juhasz of Melbourne, Ian



George Kinnell

McCarthy of Lions and last year's winner, John O'Neill of Hakoah.

The dark horses could be Micic and Mackay who always poll well because of their work-rate and reputations. Micic won the medal in 1964 and 1967.

Kinnell is generally



David Pygall

(M), Cook (S), Scott (M), 17 Thomson (R), Gorrie (SM), 15 Bedford (SM), 13 Stenhouse (Hak), Roseweir (L), Zurawski (P), Ackerley (SM), 12 McColl (J), Mackay (C), 11 Brown (G.C.), DeMarchi (J), Irvine (J), Walker (L), Smart (L), 10 Reilly (J), Rogers (M), O'Hara (Hak).



Polonia goalkeeper Zbig Szalinski makes a close-range save from a header by Billy McIntyre (left). Jersey Blank stands by. Croatia won the game 5-0.

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